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In re Appln. of: Paul Schroder et al.

Appln. No.: 10/719,005

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS
FOR THE ARRANGEMENT OF
CONTACT-MAKING ELEMENTS
OF COMPONENTS OF AN
INTEGRATED CIRCUIT,
COMPUTER-READABLE
STORAGE MEDIUM AND
PROGRAM METHOD

Examiner: Thuan V. Do

Art Unit: 2825

Attorney Docket No: 10808/114

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), Applicant hereby cites the following reference(s):

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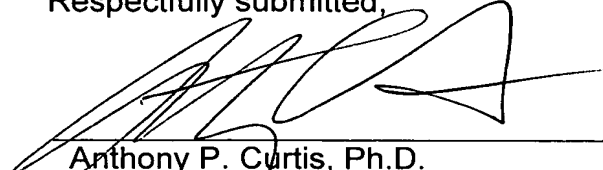
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